

HKU Chemistry graduate students won the “Eli Lilly Asia Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award-2011”

Dr. Wei XIA and Dr. Brian Tsz Kiu LO have been awarded first and second place prizes in the “2011 Eli Lilly Asia Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award”. The Award Ceremony was held in Shanghai on 13 June 2011. The award consists of a cash prize and an expense-paid visit to Shanghai to attend the award ceremony and present their research work.



Dr. Wei Xia



Dr. Brian Tsz Kiu LO

Dr. Xia, under the supervision of Dr. Hongzhe Sun, won the award with his thesis entitled “the tango between two proteins: insight into the nickel delivery process exerted by HypA and HypB during [Ni, Fe]-hydrogenase maturation in *Helicobacter pylori*”, while Dr. Lo, under the supervision of Dr. Pauline Chiu, won the award with his thesis entitled “intermolecular (4+3) cycloadditions using epoxy enol silanes”.

The “Eli Lilly Asia Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award” is an annual award sponsored by the global pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly, aiming to promote and recognize the best graduate students in China who have made significant contributions in the field of chemistry related to life sciences. Those award recipients would be invited to present their research work. This is the third time HKU graduate students were recognized by the award.